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vice president Humphrey today called for the creation of a Blue Ribbon committee to study the actions of demonstrators police and a news media and last week Chicago disturbances he said the committee should consist of lawyers sociologists policemen and journalists but not public officials Humphrey made the suggestion and a television interview tape for the educational network in New York during the interview he said he believes Chicago police overreacted during the disturbances earlier in the day Humphrey marched in New York's Labor Day Parade NBC News correspondent Jack Perkins reports Hubert Humphrey said this morning I'm going to walk up this Avenue and right into the White House then wrong way up a one-way street let New York's Labor Day Parade a Fifth Avenue walked side by side with George Meany head of the afl-cio and one of country's early and prime supporters they passed several who were not supporters Humphry came to New York for Labor Day instead of Detroit which is traditional for Democratic nominees because meanie who supports him is here and what was not in Detroit security was more than adequate there were no outbursts of dissension there were no outbursts of anything it was a la farge afraid not many people are in New York on Labor Day after marching 20 blocks Humphrey took to the reviewing stand to watch the parade passing by for another hour there were bands and drums and bugles and bagpipes there were Chinese girls handing out fortune cookies each one with the same fortune wise citizen knows that vote for Humphrey is both for better life and there was the candidate holding a child at which point cameraman were finally allowed to close in and get the picture but Humphreys aides wanted one thing made clear whatever difference it makes they wanted people to know that this is not the formal opening of the

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this is not the formal opening of the Humphrey campaign that will come next week he came here as a favor to George Meany but all day long Humphrey didn't make a single speech so it couldn't be a Humphrey campaign anyhow he was here he got some attention and he seemed to enjoy himself [Music] they came to New York just for this and then flew back home Minnesota he will spend the next week there resting and trying to relax before the campaign actually begins a week from today in this week Hubert Humphrey must ponder the problem of Lyndon Johnson now that he has the nomination in his own right how much should Hubert Humphrey try to run on the Johnson record and how much should he try to run away from it that is what he will be trying to decide this week in Minnesota the politicians including vice president Humphrey have been extremely cautious in their comments on the unhappy events in Chicago and some no doubt we'll find that hard to understand the answer lies in the cold rigid statistics on the American population and all the anger outrage and sorrow does not change them the statistics show clearly and simply that the next president will be elected by people who are predominantly white adult and prosperous the young the black and the poor simply cannot elect anyone there aren't enough of them and they tend not to vote much anyway in an extremely close election in a few big cities that could tip it one way or another but that is all they can do and so Humphrey Nixon and Wallace are all aiming their campaigns at the great middle mass of Americans

who are not so young who are not black and are not poor and so the answer lies not in anyone's emotional commitments but in the statistics the votes are in the great swarming middle nowhere else and whoever gets them will win

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gets them will win goodnight yet another and good night for NBC News sure Nexen went to chicago Spiro Agnew to Oshkosh Wisconsin and other points in the Midwest Nixon's bid for votes began with a ticker tape tour of a Chicago Loop he said his choice of that City for his campaign opener was not related to the events of last week's Democratic convention NBC News correspondent Herbert Kaplow reports there were normally a lot of people in Chicago's loop at lunchtime but still it was an enormous turnout by any measure and the kind of exalting the only booths were for the press particularly for television particularly for NBC television which last week showed Chicago police dealing with the demonstrators at the Democratic convention the State Street section was a little quieter but no significantly less crowded when the 45-minute motorcade ended at the Sheraton Blackstone Hotel makanda they'd exalted and with off at this time the big state of Illinois would be his he moved inside the hotel while outside Massachusetts Edward Brooke the first Negro Senator since reconstruction offered his testimony to bring an end to the war [Applause] that Richard Nixon is going to unite all the people of this country black and white as where are they violence in this country we've got

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and Richard Nixon is going to exert a great power and great prestige great influence the great moral persuasion of the United States and bringing peace all over this world and that supports all of us and so my fellow Republicans by Democratic friends of my dependent friends of Chicago Illinois I join with you in saluting the next president of these United States Richard the cloud waited for a while but Nixon didn't reappear he was conserving his next remarks he's refused to comment yet about last week's disorders in Chicago probably will deliver his carefully thought-out answer on a statewide television broadcast tonight it may be one of his most important campaign utterances touching as it will on a specific aspect of that predominant issue we've labeled law and order Herbert kafloooey NBC News with a Nixon campaign party in Chicago the Kozol Mayor Richard Daley today turned down NBC news proposal that he appear on a special one-hour edition of Meet the Press this Friday evening Daley had demanded a full Richard Nixon took his campaign to his home state of California today he was greeted at San Francisco Airport by governor Ronald Reagan then rode through the city's financial district and Chinatown in a motorcade reporter said the crowds in San Francisco were not as large or as enthusiastic as those in Chicago yesterday but the turnout was according to Nixon better than any he had received in previous years before he left San Francisco Nixon gave reporters his views on the disturbances in Chicago during the Democratic convention Nixon's running mate governor Spiro Agnew also commented on the Chicago disturbances during a news conference last night in Cedar Rapids Iowa first next what happened in Chicago last week

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next what happened in Chicago last week was with it was not the agony of Chicago and it was not even the agony of the Democratic Party as some have attempted to point out but in a broader sense it was the agony of America it happens that the confrontation that took place between those who were speaking for dissent and the forces of order occurred within the Democratic Party and in the city of Chicago but it would have occurred in any other city and it might have occurred in the Republican Party those forces of confrontation been represented there now this is not a new story in the history of America and in any free society the question involved is the limit of dissent and that the question involved is how do you maintain the proper balance between order and dissent now my views are very strong on that point I believe that any system of government that provides a means for peaceful change that there is no cause that justifies the use of violence or lawlessness the beating of news people who are trying to do their job of keeping the American public informed is a very serious thing that I deplore I think the young people who were involved in in some of

the action that took place there that were involved on the fringes of it didn't realize that it was going to get out of hand deserve only our sympathy and our hope that this will be a lesson not to get involved with that element that caused this trouble there is any question that this was a planned thing we have evidence that some of the people who went in there deliberately to start a riot and I might mention that the Attorney General of our state was in his car and heard a telephone conversation between two of these dissidents about what time the riot was supposed to be started they had razor

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supposed to be started they had razor blades in their shoes that they were kicking law enforcement officers with they were throwing heavy ashtrays out of windows they were certainly doing a lot of other things that aren't compatible with peace and order the police reacted some of the police overreacted I don't think it's fair to criticize the whole Chicago police force on the basis of one or two policemen or even six or seven or ten or twelve may have overreacted Chicago Philadelphia doesn't usually give ticker tape or confetti parades but the Democrats turned one on for Humphrey today as he set off on his campaign beginning in Philadelphia hopefully intends to make human rights in other words racial problems the main domestic issue of his campaign attacking George Wallace as an extremist Richard Nixon as an ally of extremists today he had some more immediate criticism of Nixon though on Nixon's refusal to endorse the nuclear proliferation treaty what direction will our country take in the world will it be the direction that mr. Nixon talked about yesterday when he said when he said to you and to me that he had doubts as to whether or not we should stop the nuclear arms race and called upon the Congress to hesitate in the adoption and the ratification of a treaty that would prevent the spread of nuclear weapons is that the kind of a world we want I think all my friends we are going to pursue and may I say for every person that carries a peace sign may I say to everyone that says stop this war I say

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everyone that says stop this war I say to you that if I'm elected your president I will literally get my life for the Peace of this world [Applause] Humphry has decided the slogan of the campaign and of the presidency if he is elected will be a new day he said it several times today choose a new day this is the beginning of a new day one can only wonder what Lyndon Johnson must think when he hears his vice president say turn away from the old era and choose the new day but that is Humphreys way of subtly dissociating himself from Lyndon Johnson's image civil rights will be his main issue he will continue to attack Wallace as an extremist and Nixon as an ally of extremists that's the kind of campaign you verdun for his plan and now has begun Jack Perkins NBC News with Humphrey campaign Philadelphia the house Commerce Committee voted today to change the law to make possible television debates between the candidates for president it's already passed the Senate and if this gets through the house the debates then could be arranged quickly the television networks have already offered free time if the law has changed without a change in the law the stations and networks are required to give equal time to all candidates including those totally unknown and representing almost nobody but themselves again if this gets through the house and if the candidates can agree on time and format television debates can be held this month or next or both two of the candidates were speaking in New Orleans today to the American Legion convention George Wallace and vice president Humphrey both were there separately here are two reports first Wallace and contributing editor Douglas Kirk Kiker and Humphrey and contributing editor Jack Perkins Legionnaires cap was a

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Jack Perkins Legionnaires cap was a novelty but the speech was the same old speech he always gives George Wallace had hoped the conservative American Legion would like it I give his presidential campaign a rousing send-off that didn't happen in New Orleans today the Legionnaires gave wallet satellite reception there was no wild enthusiasm even when he said things dearest to their heart that is the defense of these United States and I can assure you that next year beginning in January the recommendations and suggestions of the American Legion will have more attention paid to them than at any time in the last decade

or so because in the final analysis mine is enforce involve a domestic policy and foreign policy coincide very closely with you my fellow Legionnaires thank you very much ladies and gentlemen [Applause] the reception was warmer at a fundraising luncheon where Wallace had a surprise announcement about his party's national convention plans we're not going to have a National Convention as such we are going to to comply with the state laws that require a convention already complied with one or two state statutes in that regards so where will the legalities of the situation require we will have a convention of sorts it might be called a mini convention in in that particular state but having a National Convention as the two other parties had we will not to have that type of convention only in both places whether the Galit is required and we will spend the money that array is for us not on our own a convention would on some national television time to tell the people of some things that they want

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the people of some things that they want to hear as we spend the next two weeks traveling through the border states telling his audience is there some of the things they want to hear douglas Kiker Orleans for his Legion speech this afternoon a law-and-order speech Humphrey asking for support of the courts support and training for police well first of all and I'm going to speak up now for a group in this nation that hasn't had a pat in the back for a long time first of all there are the frontline forces of peace and security in this country the local police who carry the burden of our battle against crime and violence it could not have been a very satisfying day for Hubert Humphrey his reception from the Legion convention here was fairly warm but the speech was in Louisiana where Democratic Governor John McKibben refuses to endorse Humphrey and where the state will probably go for Wallace anyhow before Louisiana he had been in Texas Texas is much more important to him than Louisiana much more important to his strategy but he is having trouble there too he got again a fairly warm welcome when they train their men race relations and community relations in other words ladies and gentlemen we just don't back them up that's the problem and is it any wonder then that we don't often have the kind of law enforcement that we demand and that we deserve I am going to do something about this if I had my chance because I know what to do about it because I've done something about it I do not come here to talk theory I come here to talk from experience and I'm going to put the resources of the federal government for

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resources of the federal government for the first time on a major scale behind our local police forces so they can do their job this then was his appearance in Texas and this history will have some trouble because Texas governor John Connally refuses to endorse him and last night as Humphrey arrived in Texas refused even to show up for his Texas kickoff um Connally perhaps P because the convention abolished the EULA rule and perhaps because he wanted to be the vice presidential candidate story of them all as far as this election is concerned will be the unity of the Democratic Party in this state behind the Democratic ticket and market bound right tonight ladies and gentlemen we're going to march together governor senator congressman every one of us but despite Humphreys cheery optimism there there was no public indication that Governor Connally will join with Humphrey and if he does not that sad little seriously hurt Humphreys chances of winning the important state of Texas this year Jack Perkins NBC News Richard Nixon fields at the czechoslovak situation calls for two courses of action last night he said that while he favors the nuclear non-proliferation treaty the United States should not ratify it until the Soviets intentions can be reassessed and today before the American Legion convention in New Orleans he said that the rebuilding of NATO should be high on the American agenda if Czechoslovakia has taught the world nothing else it is taught us that weakness is an invitation to aggression that military inferiority and the pace of an ambitious power is a threat to world peace America's response to the Soviet against Czechoslovakia is not fresh and should not be rash but it must be realistic and a realistic appraisal

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be realistic and a realistic appraisal of the assumptions and the promises that underlie American policy toward the Soviet Union a policy of realism toward the Soviet today will be a policy that is directed toward their prudence and not just toward their goodwill that kind of policy holds the prospect of peace and I say to you today that America should seize upon this moment of European awareness and European concern to reforge the ties define the Western world in candor let's face it one of the reasons that the Alliance is in trouble is that the United States has gone around and talking to those who might be are a bunch of potential opponents and before we talk to our opponents let's talk to our friends in the future let's begin that right away last night Nixon taped an interview at a television station in Charlotte North Carolina afterwards reporters costed about him in the lobby about a statement he issued earlier yesterday Nixon said ratification of the treaty banning the spread of nuclear weapons treaty he basically approved should be delayed because of the Soviet bloc invasion of Czechoslovakia until we learn more about Soviet intentions I think that for the United States at this time to move receptively to approve the treaty would give the impression that we did not disapprove of it about the other of these action of Soviet this does not mean that the treaty should not be approved in the future I favor the treaty although I had reservations about it the past I favorited over the past years since like that with mr. foster I stated a I favor the Treaty I believe that it should be implemented at an appropriate time but I believe that at this time all Soviet troops are still an occupation of

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Soviet troops are still an occupation of Czechoslovakia that that the United States Senate and the administration would be well advised to delay affirmation of the treaty or its ratification until we see what Soviet intentions are in both Eastern vice-president Humphrey was in Wilmington Delaware dedicating a new bridge and he talked about the treaty again saying if it were delayed as Nixon recommends it would tend to prove this country was unworthy of being trusted he didn't mention Nixon by name but he said he thought the treaty should be approved quickly that a delay would be no contribution to peace otherwise he was there for the opening of a second span in the Delaware Memorial Bridge and here's what he said in recent days the whole concept of which building bridge building between nations the idea we still societies and people's so the increased contact and communication has been brought into serious question at least it is being questioned very seriously by many people who view history for the moment rather in the wrong perspective of history the aggression of the Soviet Union into Czechoslovakia in a very real sense shocked the entire civilized world this is the time of birth we must serve notice on our adversaries that there is far more to be gained from peaceful engagement and work

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gained from peaceful engagement and work and the relaxation of tensions and from the reversion to the Cold War in order also Humphrey charged that Nixon had made a deal with senator Thurmond of South Carolina to block the nomination of Abe Fortas as chief justice in return for Thurmond support well here's how it was at there on a beach in New Jersey in a report from NBC News correspondent Don Oliver followed by a comment from senator Thurmond in Washington the vice president decided this morning to take a stroll along the New Jersey Shore near the ocean home of governor richard gere he walked a while through a few clam shells into the sea then stopped to talk a while about his opponent Richard Nixon I believe you're beginning to see this campaign unfold already we've had our differences on foreign policy already we've had our differences relating that center around he is just a pivotal figure simple figure the difference there the issue there is the understanding the arrangement was made with mr. Thurmond I think it's crystal clear that an arrangement was made I noticed this morning that mr. Nixon says that we tax the once again I don't think any president of the United States is going to manage the courts I hope not for every jail mr. Nixon wants to build I'd like to build a house for a family that needs a decent house to live in and a decent neighborhood I'd like to hire another good teacher that isn't either or it's hope mr. Nixon was going to play fearless as dick that's his privilege vice president Humphrey make all Richard Nixon of the fearless Fosdick and then

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Nixon of the fearless Fosdick and then went on to say that Nixon has made a deal with you the nomination of a florist [Music] well is folks mr. Humphrey noses false poor mr. foresters nomination to be associate justice three years ago I'm on the ultra opposed to his confirmation as Chief Justice and and I would not be deterred by mr. Nixon in this model anyone else he has made no request to me about this matter and I have made no request of him I have read in the paper several times I think that his position is that it is a matter for the Senate which it is as for the fearless Fosdick charge if there's anyone who doesn't know he is a comic-strip detective who sometimes gets his man but always by accident and whatever he sets out to do he usually makes a mess of it jet Richard Nixon said in Cleveland today that a broadened war on poverty as advocated by a vice president Humphrey would be no substitute for a war on crime the crime problem has been given major attention by all three candidates for president in the first week of the campaign they all spoke out on it in broad terms and here is what they had to say we can talk about the necessity for law and order we can pass laws we can have better police and more police but if the people who live in some of the great cities of our country have no hope they have nothing to lose they will explode we cannot solve any problem that faces our people unless first we have order we cannot solve the problems of the large cities of our country unless we have stability and order the angry voices that seek to divide us they must be they must not be listened to the haters and those that would divide us do not speak

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those that would divide us do not speak the hearts of America for virtually everybody in this room the American dream has come true we've had an equal chance we moved up but for millions the American dream is a nightmare this nation has a great silent moderate majority within it I'm going to talk to that moderate silent majority the vast preponderance of people believe neither in racism or repression nor in revolution or in riot they want to extend to every man and woman equal treatment and they want to do it peacefully and lawfully we must light the lamp of Hope in millions of homes tonight in which there is no light of hope this is what we must do and one of the first things I think the new president ought to do is to give his moral support to the police and firemen in this country and in a Chicago [Music] and then ask the American Congress to change some of the decisions of the court that have literally handcuffed the police in our nation and made them second-class citizens if you're going to rebuild the cities of America if you're going to provide the jobs and the training for jobs that you need to be provided for those who do not have that kind of training the great instrument of progress in America is private enterprise rather than government our price we must enlist private enterprise in the job as we builded I believe that we shall face our moment of truth and I believe we're facing it now and we can come through on the other side the side that we've always wanted to be on in our on the promise of this land one nation under God still indivisible and with

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under God still indivisible and with renewed devotion to Liberty and to justice for all do you George Wallace says now he is mental legal requirements to get his name on the ballot in all 50 states so the predictions of months ago that he could not be taken lightly are now confirmed he cannot be taken lightly for any third-party candidate to get on 50 state ballots requires enormous time and effort by his friends in all the states and in each state Wallace found people willing to do it and they did it outside his own organization there probably aren't many who think he has a chance to win but when he is on the ballot in all the states it's possible he got all this public acceptance with just one speech the same one over and over in every town month after month he attacks bureaucrats with briefcases Street criminals the courts he says are too easy on them federal interference in people's daily lives with that he's getting big crowds loud applause and nobody knows any idea of how many votes he will get good night Chet hi David and good night for NBC News it's time since the assassination of his brother in Los Angeles in June and he chose to do it by displaying complete party regularity he campaigned in Boston with vice president Humphrey and endorsed him ringing Lee although the two men are at odds over the Vietnam War here is report from contributing editor Jack Perkins Humphrey today was going for crowds we haven't had many so far this campaign but today in Boston was arranged by

one of the best political advancement in the biz Jerry Bruno who used to conjure up crowds for John then Robert Kennedy and Senator Edward Kennedy agreed to join Humphrey today they chose the busiest downtown intersection of noontime and

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downtown intersection of noontime and the got crowds including some live in one microphones right up on the platform microphones can hear what the speaker said that most of the people in the streets could not but standing was that loud back the system he with the Senator Kennedy if there's been one lesson of 1968 is that there is no room for another key and there is [Applause] and there are no solutions to the difficult and compelling problems that we face today here in this United States and around the world by shouting and screaming [Applause] they forgot the channel was so bad he's taken less than scheduled which is the Martha thing this country forward if this nation of ours is to be played by those who would die free speech if it is to be played we play I hate to shout down those who express the voice of reason [Applause] I must say I must say that I think anything but convincing it's hardly disturbing and it's ridiculous the problems of Hubert Humphrey are many he goes for the crowds and he gets the demonstrators he would like to buy national television time and can't afford it his campaign does not have

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afford it his campaign does not have enough money and it has little chance of getting enough money because potential backers feel he has little chance of winning the polls suggest that Hubert Humphrey in this race may end up not number two men but number three ask a Humphrey aide about this ask him aren't you discouraged and he'll tell you I wouldn't say we're discouraged but I would say that overconfidence is not our thing Jack Perkins NBC News with the Humphrey campaign vice-president Humphrey tonight made a television broadcast to Britain by a satellite from Toledo Ohio and he too discussed the question of troop reductions in Vietnam [Music] as that army of South Vietnam becomes more effective I would as president and I'm talking about what I could do if I were president it will do very little good for me to pretend or play president between now and January 20th because I'm not we only have one president at a time but speaking now after January 20th if I were the president I would assess the military capacity of the army of South Vietnam very carefully I would encourage the government of South Vietnam to take on more responsibility for its own self-defense and I would thereby try to enter into discussions with the objective in mind of the reduction of American forces reducing our combat forces but at the same time not producing them at the expense of the troops that remain or the safety of South Vietnam now this adds up to one thing that I believe that in the year 1969 unless on unknown things happen or developments that we cannot foresee now take place that we shall be able to reduce the number of American forces in Vietnam without jeopardizing the security of that country I hope by then that we can have a ceasefire the those nixon down one point

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Humphry 34% and lawless 17 the new poll shows Nixon down one point Humphrey down three and Wallace up four points Nixon began a 10 state campaign tour today his running mate Spiro Agnew was in Hawaii where a congressman criticized him for using the word jet because it's an insult to the Japanese it was not the first time Agnew has been criticized for his campaign remarks NBC News correspondent Charles Quinn reports it is almost traditional politics that the vice presidential candidate traveled the low road in the campaign leaving loftier regions to the man running for president Finnick said richard nixon did it for General Eisenhower in the 1950s early days of this campaign it seemed that Spiro Agnew was heading in the same direction among other things he called you recovery soft and communists later retracted the charge although he said he had been misunderstood and as much as the context that the statement was offered has been disclosed and I've repeated my own statement as it were and said it was a mistake which it obviously was I had no intention for it to go in that direction and the matters been clarified I don't see that this is going to hurt the campaign the American people realize that a candidate is under a tremendous amount of pressure that he's talking for the record many times during an average day and sometimes he makes a mistake I guess all

of us make mistakes despite Agnew's confession of error because of his hard line on other issues such as law and order and communism on college campuses some people said he sounded like the old Nixon but this week he shifted somewhat he toned down his attacks on Humphrey substituted humor instead this election

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substituted humor instead this election year has already seen mr. Humphrey again making multibillion-dollar proposals for new federal governmental spending at a time when the federal government must give high priority to averting an economic disaster this nation clearly cannot afford the spending schemes of Hubert Horatio Humphrey but mr. Humphreys campaign manager is jumping to his assistance I see he said just the other week that his candidate had an identity problem apparently mr. Humphrey isn't comfortable playing The Lone Ranger after having played Tonto for so long Agra seems to have softened on Humphrey but he is talking just as tough Lee on the critical issues of the campaign he says he won't retreat from using the words law and order and as Agnew said himself last week he has his moments of infighting and his moments of urbanity Charles Quinn NBC News reported vice president Humphrey charged in Minneapolis today that Richard Nixon is refusing to debate him face to face then Humphrey started the long range debate with Nixon on the subject of inflation last night at Milwaukee Nixon accused the Johnson administration and Humphrey of shrinking the dollar today Humphrey blamed the Republicans for inflation and here is how it went wages are up you know how much an average of 23 dollars a week you know what's happened over the past three years to those wages the average factory worker in America has been on a treadmill because the raise the increase in taxes and the increase in prices has eaten it up and I say let's get a new administration that will stop the rising prices and stop the rise in taxes so that we can have a real increase in wages for all America

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it is one of the great issues of this campaign which candidate is going to be able to deal with this problem of what has happened to the American dollar in terms of its purchasing power what is happening to taxes what is happening to prices and on that store we also have to look at the record I live here with the record of our friend on the other side I found a very interesting thing when he's in the Senate from 1948 to 1961 he was one of America's most expensive senators as a matter of fact he introduced bills that did not pass which would have cost 100 billion dollars if they had passed and I simply say to you the United States can't afford Hubert Humphrey as president of the United take a look at the facts since early 1961 purchasing power per person after taxes after allowing for price increases in other words real income has risen by about one third 32 percent this is like an extra 17 paychecks every year this is what mr. Nixon calls that Democratic treadmill during the eight Nixon Republican years the rise was barely 1% a year approximately 9% as compared to the Democratic 32% this addiction says that the tax burden is the heaviest in our history and once again he pokes himself by poor memory or deliberate misrepresentation of the facts for the short memory the fact is that the Democratic Johnson Humphrey administration has lowered taxes all persons and corporations will pay sixteen billion dollars less in taxes in

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sixteen billion dollars less in taxes in 1968 than if the tax rate of the Nixon year of 1960 still prevailed the muskie the Democratic vice presidential candidate campaign today in Pennsylvania and got into a platform discussion where they stopped the war demonstrator NBC News correspondent Charles Clinton reports it was the worth tackling senator muskie has faced so far in the campaign about 30 students from Washington and Jefferson College in Washington Pennsylvania a city near Pittsburgh refused to let muskie speak to a crowd of several hundred people so he offered the hecklers a deal he asked them to choose a spokesman and then offered ten minutes of uninterrupted time on the rostrum if they in turn the plan is to listen quietly to him they chose Rick Brody a 21 year old senior who was himself heckled I everybody thought this dirty and I want that's just a minute please I've invited these young men to send up a spokesman and this young man is

their selection I thought why did we select him I've in select just a minute I'm not going to get involved in your choice you choose your man all right now let me just say to the rest of you I've said that I was willing to listen to him and I hope that all the rest of you were listening because I in turn would like to have an opportunity to say that's on my mom I thank this is the chance that we did we usually don't get not be through fine are you guys there with dirty or on wash we had a few

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there with dirty or on wash we had a few Americans now we love the plaid just answer thinking about how we want America to spend and what a constitution says it stand for and that's every one people under the law which is not true in this country we're here is America not a zombie thing called rats all of you may think this trophy of long hair we're here to make our voice heard everyone in his campaign Nixon wallet hungry everybody talks about war an artist who speaks an object it now what's going first yes is no answer hopefully no answer collection before that I've been listening to young people all my life I was young once myself never or not you think so and I grew up in this country the son of an immigrant parent when that wasn't exactly the accept of social status in my part of the country as knowing the son of parents who knew the disadvantages of caring with discrimination and poverty if you have all of these things where invented yesterday or since you have all your sadly missed open I don't care I do in a sense but is immaterial to me in a personal way how are you hope in this election if there are three choices and take it from me you don't really move in the directions in which you want to move by taking the position hands off at the end some of the hecklers were applauded and once we decide later that while it

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and once we decide later that while it is grateful if there viewers have been heard he dieded that nastya change all square NBC News reporting sadly but there's pheasant hunt they today challenge to his to presidential homes to join him in a cross-country the building Toria he made the proposal while chatting with students at Pepperdine College in Los Angeles any of you saw that in the support of California's over their residents contributing editor Douglas keiko reports the gas peasant hunter is behind so he's running the country looking for votes today you noticed an obvious good for the most of the nation's overly suppose you know here in California's for a big - Social Security payments thirteen and a half million Americans now receive Social Security benefits the more than half of those it provides out of poverty income the people who deserve a living income and this is not worthy of the richest nation on the face of the earth it's not worthy of a nation that by 1972 that have a trillion dollar economy as president to serve you in that high office I would call for the following things increasing Social Security benefits by 50 percent across-the-board and we can do it completely overpower your paper out of a growing expanding economy it is absolutely found now let me tell you something else's we're going to do with your help I shall propose and fight for because we urgently needed a built-in system automatic social security in pieces and if it increases time to the consumer prices in other words is the cost of living goes up your benefits go

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cost of living goes up your benefits go up you keep pace with that rise in the cost of living social dependence rejected as a nice facility proposes to pay for part of this increase from general tax revenues everything a larger every better than a larger aggregate which is something that was very different sort of left not never NBC News Dixon have been out on the road issuing a variety of charges denials claims promises expressions of alarm pride fear and hope here are two reports first and from contributing editor Douglas Carter with Humphrey an NBC News correspondent Herbert Kaplow with Nixon Humphries clouds are picking up a little all over the Democrats are still divided and demoralized that their enthusiasm for their candidate seems to be increasing a little Humphrey is still far behind Richard Nixon and he knows it the ketchup he believes he must move two things convinced the Democrats that he can win this election that he can pull an upset the way Harry Truman did in 1948 and he believes he must bear down hard and his criticism of Richard Nixon and thereby convinced the voters Nixon is not the man for the job I've been

reading about the campaign's and the gold rules and I've been reading about that is poorly organized and I've been reading about that we don't have any clouds I've read about it every time I've been elected every time in 1948 they said that I was the underdog in 1948 they said the Truman couldn't win well my dear friends this is 1968 and we intend to do exactly in 1968 but we get in 1948

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I said mr. mixon come out of the shadows come out from behind those persons back there come on out here talk to the people stand alongside of me let us speak to the American people and then let the American people judge who want to be their president throughout the nipson Republican years of the 1950's we Democrats fought for Medicare he said that it wouldn't work that we kept fighting and in 1965 as I said Medicare became the law of the land mr. Nixon help wrap the taft-hartley law and he voted to be pass it over Harry Truman's veto mr. Nixon ordered to weaken the minimum wage law he voted instead of increasing its coverage to reduce it he voted to weaken the Social Security Act he has a miserable conservative reactionary record and you know it some of vice-president Humphries friends believe he's attacking the wrong man their theory is that voters are mad at President Johnson and are taking it out on Humphrey they're telling him for the only way he's going to make a breakthrough in this election is by somehow declaring his independence and going his own way but at least up till now I'm pretty sure absolutely no inclination to do this and few people think he ever will necklace Keiko NBC News with the Humphrey campaign Nixon doesn't intend to let Humphrey free himself of the Johnson record to all the audience's Nixon's been courting Lee's been condemning Humphrey as the formulator of Johnson policies policies

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formulator of Johnson policies policies Nixon believes most of the people are now ready for repudiate because the answer to the problem is always the turn as I said a moment ago to a federal government program but I say my friends that today rather than more millions on welfare rolls let's get four millions on payrolls in the United States of America I said a we believe in civil rights everybody here in this great audience I know in the heartland of this country but my friend never forget the first civil right of every American whether he's a black American a white American the one in which he's most interested is the right to be secure from domestic violence and let's stop to be sure that that right again lives in the United States of America I am proud to have served in an administration in which we inherited a war and I am proud to say that during our administration we ended one war we kept the nation out of other wars for eight years that's what you want in that book we've okay my friends and I say that as we look at America today there 200 million Americans and there are two billion people that live in the free world and I say it's time we have a new foreign policy in which other nations in the free world bear more of their fair share that offensive freedom around the world I say that what we need is the government in Washington DC that will read establish the value of our dollar so that the money we earned today will buy $1 worth when we retire five ten fifty years from now the Louisville Airport this morning Nixon was asked

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Airport this morning Nixon was asked about a telegram he'd received from Humphrey in effect calling for a debate it didn't specify the kind of debate Nixon claimed while he'd be willing to debate Humphrey on television under present law George Wallace also would be entitled to participate and he Nixon was against that I would guess that apparently mr. humphreys advisors have concluded that he can't win on his own and he's trying to build up mr. Wallace that must be his secret weapon but I'm not going to play any game for the purpose of getting the a forum an equal forum to a third party candidate mr. Wallace or anybody else this is a two-party country that's why I'll participate the two-party debate did not the telegram that you were sent by vice president Humphrey between the two this telegram I'm sure is the first of a one-sided correspondence that always happens when somebody behind is attempting to make news that he can't make himself I will respond to these telegrams only in kind and public statements this means absolutely this is sort of the kids stuff that somebody goes through when he's behind the fact is that Nixon particularly because of his

experience in 1960 knows you don't debate when you're ahead rubber capital NBC News reporting one reason Humphreys in trouble is that so far he's not been able to inspire Democrats to work for him today meeting with Utah party leaders in Salt Lake City Comfort Oldham bluntly they'd better go to work or else a new man shouldn't say that they say but I said I'm gonna stay with Karen friends but the election isn't all today later speaking at the Mormon Tabernacle here Humphrey attack political extremists of all persuasions especially anti-war demonstrators he's been

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anti-war demonstrators he's been heckling him throughout this campaign but destroy homes and business in those businesses and lives in their suppose Ile to correct and justices you and I know that they must be stopped also and they are of no one race they are of no one ideology but they all share a basic disdain yes a hatred for the democratic processes and democracy itself they say they propose to tear this society down and build a new one on its ashes and I quote them they try to shout down presidential candidates and they say they will disrupt the polling places on Election Day George Wallace resumed his campaign after noon the home in Alabama he began a swing through the Midwest and north and his first stop was Chicago here is a report from NBC News correspondent Herbert Ruffalo Wallace arrived at Chicago's Midway Airport this morning there to be a spar reportage whether he thought vice-president Humphrey was so far behind I was to be out of the presidential race I don't think that anybody's out of any race I think that you in it you in it I don't think about it's out but I think that he was having his problems and I'd like to say that our death we happy to debate mr. Nixon but it mr. Nixon ever debates any of us that we go to sure when two things would be said one place one way in one place in over I think use blank the fact I think is a very safe think mr. Nixon and not to debate could you toss your relationship with Janine welcome miss

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relationship with Janine welcome miss Welch's a lady who claims she has a romance going with Wallace his aides denied the claim a motor trade assembled on the edge of Chicago's named business district this was probably the biggest cluster of Wallace supporters several over Wallis followers follow [Music] for a time a group of the anti Wallace arts joined in the parade without incident [Music] [Applause] [Music] as with most motorcades it was purposely held at lunchtime and memory of the spectators took part of their lunch period to wash flatly fraud estimates ranged from 50 to 300 thousand which indicates once again nobody really knows how many people watch political motor Creed's it is clear the turnout today was considerably less than the turnout for Nixon three and a half weeks ago the main question however is how strong is Wallace likely to jerk by November 5th and today's foray into Chicago didn't give a clue Gruber Kaplow NBC News were the Wallace campaign Richard Nixon ended a two-day holiday at Key Biscayne

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